STICKWEED CAN BE CONTROLLED

It's time for trouble with stickweed in pastures—but it can easily be controlled, says John M. Amos, associate plant pathologist at VPI.

Stickweed is one of the most common weeds in pasture, and takes up areas which could be used for grazing. To control it, use a 2, 4-D spray anytime from now until the stickweed begins to bloom. Better kills are made after the plant has several inches of growth rather than when it is relatively small.

It does not cost much to spray—probably not more than $1.00 to $1.50 per acre on the most serious weed infestations. Labor and equipment costs would probably have to be added to this figure.

Low gallonage sprayers work well for stickweed. High gallonage high pressure sprayers also can be used.

If weed spraying is done too soon, some shoots may not have emerged and will not receive any of the spray. The plants should be growing actively, however, for best results. Little growth takes place after the plants begin to blossom, and unless sprayed by that time, seed will form.

Use 2,4-D at the rate of about 3 pints of the 2,4-D acid equivalent per acre. This should give excellent control, and probably will be all that is needed this season. Next year a touch-up spray likely will be needed for those plants which failed to receive a killing dosage.

INSECTS CONTINUE WAR AGAINST CROPS

Current insect features in Virginia: Many adult clover root curculio are emerging in alfalfa fields in some areas.

Thrips are doing severe damage to some stands of small corn that have not gotten off to a good start because of climatic conditions.

From medium to heavy infestations of overwintered adult boll weevils are present in cotton fields of southeastern Virginia, and the need for adequate control measures is likely to become urgent.

State quarantine officials are swinging into action against the Japanese beetle outbreak in northern and southwest Virginia.

And mimosa webworm infestations have been reported for the first time this season in Warren County. Thrips are damaging roses all over the state.

That's the run-down in the insect situation as compiled by Arthur P. Morris, associate entomologist at VPI. County agents throughout Virginia are being kept briefed on infestations in their localities and can furnish more specific information.

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ASSETS

1. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	555,898.64
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	588,957.48
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	275,776.96
6. Loans and discounts (including $23.03 overdrafts)	1,138,528.31
7. Bank premises owned $..... furniture and fixtures $4,666.41	4,666.41
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
9. Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate	26,402.31
11. Other assets	1,677.61
12. TOTAL ASSETS	2,591,908.72

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	589,067.30
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	1,748,319.18
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	4,086.14
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	80,327.91
18. Other deposits (certified and officer's checks, etc.)	5,613.12
19. TOTAL DEPOSITS 2,427,413.65	
23. Other liabilities	7,057.28
24. TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	2,434,470.93

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital*	40,000.00
26. Surplus	60,000.00
27. Undivided profits	57,437.79
29. TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	157,437.79
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	2,591,908.72

* This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of .... $40,000.00.

MEMORANDA

31. Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	26,800.00
34. (b.) Total amount of loans, certificates of interest, and obligations, or portions thereof, which are fully backed or insured by agencies of the United States Government (other than "United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed")	40,100.71

I, J. C. Davidson, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. C. Davidson.

Correct—Attest: J. A. Burke
H. C. Pulliam
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State of Virginia, County of Appomattox, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 1954, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

Thomas B. Coleman, Notary Public

My commission expires June 22, 1955.

Homemakers Items

Broccoli Leaves Nutritious

If, like most people, you've been throwing away broccoli leaves when you prepare that vegetable—you're missing a good bet for a tasty and nutritious dish.

Researchers at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station have found broccoli leaves to be both palatable and nutritious. The leaves were found to be as high in vitamin C, and more than three times as high in vitamin A, as the part of the plant commonly used.

The work further indicated that removing five edible leaves at various stages in the plant growth did not reduce the yield of the broccoli flower.

How to prepare the leaves for eating? Just like you do any other greens. How do they taste? Naturally enough—like broccoli.

Dr. P. H. Massey, horticulturist at VPI, who supervised the work, said that the U. S. Department of Agriculture has recently released grade standards for broccoli greens. It would seem, Dr. Masey says, that the leaves should be more widely used.

Home Safety for the Not-So-Young

About half of the home accident fatalities occur among persons 65 years or older.

The Virginia Rural Safety Council reminds that it is essential that every room of the house have furniture arranged so easy and safe passage is assured. Floors should never be highly waxed and rug pads or slip-proof powder should be used with scatter rugs. This is true for all homes but particularly important when there are older people in the home. And when you get a yen to rearrange the furniture, remember that it can be dangerous to disturb an arrangement an elderly person has become used to.

And a final point for older people to remember—if you use a cane, a vacuum cup at its tip will make it safer.

Mildew on Leather

Any traces of mildew that appear on shoes, handbags, gloves, luggage or other leather goods in muggy summer weather need to be removed promptly before the mildew grows into the leather and leaves permanent stains or other damage, the U. S. Department of Agriculture advises in response to request to information on this summer problem.

To remove mildew from leather goods, wipe with a cloth wrung out of a mixture of denatured alcohol and water, half and half. (Undiluted alcohol might affect the color of the leather). After wiping off mildew, dry leather in a brisk current of air. An electric fan may help. Or wash leather with a thicks suds of mild, neutral soap or saddle soap, then wipe with a damp cloth and dry promptly.

Keep leather shoes or luggage clean and well polished with a good wax dressing to ward off mildew. Many housewives have found that in humid weather it pays to keep shoes and luggage high and dry on an upper shelf instead of in the usual floor clothes closets. Leather handbags and gloves may be safer in summer kept on open racks rather than in closed unventilated dresser drawers.

GOV. STANLEY APPOINTS WALKE TO COMMISSION

Governor Thomas B. Stanley has appointed Mr. I. T. Walke, Jr., of Norfolk, to membership on the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, effective July 1. Mr. Walke is well known in the Norfolk area for his interest in the conservation and development of wildlife in Virginia. He will bring a rich experience as a businessman to the Commission.

SUCKER CONTROL NEEDED ON FLUE-CURED TOBACCO

If you don't top or sucker your tobacco you can expect to forfeit about 300 pounds in yield and $160 per acre, according to a 5-year experiment at the Chatham branch of VPI Agricultural Experiment Station.

With this in mind, you may decide to use oil or oil emulsion to control suckers this year. If you do, here are a few points to keep in mind:

Good sucker control with no injury to plants was obtained in 1952 and 1953 tests at the Chatham station when 1-4 teaspoonful of heavy mineral oil or 1-2 teaspoonful of oil emulsion was used per plant.

In the same test 26 percent of the plants were killed or injured when 1 teaspoonful of heavy oil was used, while only 3 percent were killed or injured from the application of 1 teaspoonful of oil emulsion per plant.

You are less likely to get injury from oil emulsion than from mineral oil alone.

Many growers are highly pleased with the use of these materials. Other growers have had severe leaves. Some growers have reported heavy leaf droppage, in addition to stalk injury and development of soft-rot when too much oil or oil emulsion was used. The leaf droppage was particularly noted when oils were used on the more brittle varieties of tobacco.

The method of application and the kind of weather at topping time can influence the effectiveness of the treatment and the amount of plant injury.

Your county agent can give detailed instructions on topping with oils and oil emulsions.

Approach With Caution When Using 2,4-D Near Tomatoes

Be wary about using 2,4-D for weed control in any crop near a tomato field.

S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI, warns that tomatoes are very susceptible to injury by 2,4-D, and even if the chemical is used for weed control on corn or some other crop several hundred feet away there is danger of the fumes blowing to the tomatoes. Just the fumes will do the damage, to say nothing of what would happen if the 2,4-D actually got on the tomatoes. It's folly, too, to spray tomatoes with a sprayer that has previously contained 2,4-D.

Damage from fumes has been reported several times in recent years where 2,4-D was usd to kill weeds and brush along fence rows and vacant lots and in corn fields. 2,4-D injury looks like some of the virus troubles and many farmers confuse the two.

GAME COMMISSION MEETING IN ABINGDON

The Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries held a recent meeting at Abingdon, for the purpose of giving the interested public in Southwest Virginia an opportunity to meet with the Commission and discuss wildlife problems in that area of the state.

Approximately 50 representative citizens of southwest Virginia met with the Commission and discussed construction of public fishing ponds in that area.

The Commission finds it valuable to hold regional meetings and expects to hold another meeting at Harrisonburg sometime in the early fall.

Members of the Commission which met in southwest Virginia took advantage of the opportunity to visit the smallmouth and largemouth bass hatcheries in Smyth County.

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The American people in their record spending since the end of World War II bought $200 billions worth of automobiles and other durable goods in the eight-year period from 1946 through 1953 and borrowed $110 billions on the installment plan to finance those purchases.

By the end of last year, $94 billions of these consumer goods loans, which made up about half of all consumer credit outstanding, had been repaid, leaving a net balance of $16 billions. There has since been a further reduction as repayments have exceeded new borrowings.

These figures provide a significant commentary on some of the big changes in the American scene since the Thirties.

They show, for one, the magnitude that buying on time and consumer credit in general have attained and their importance to the marketplaces and to economic expansion.

They likewise give an insight into how the average individual handles his financial affairs these days, and how his mode of living has been affected by industrialization, suburbanization, mass production and consumption, the growing importance of big ticket durable items in our everyday standard of living, and the other developments that are so characteristic of the times.

The record shows that the typical American today will borrow freely to stretch his income, but in the main is pretty sensible about how deeply into debt he goes and has done an excellent job to date in meeting his obligations. He is the greatest shopper and spender the world has ever seen, and at the same time the greatest saver, too.

Because of this innate thrift, the people as a whole now have more protection for that "rainy day" and their retirement years in life insurance and other savings than at any time in the past. The face amount of life insurance in force alone has increased by $134 billions since 1946; and annual personal savings in the aggregate in the last few years have been the highest on record except for some of the World War II years.

The average American today has more of his income budgeted for him than ever before. Through both choice and necessity, much of his pay check is committed in advance.

Some of this is beyond his control, as in the case of income tax withholding and payroll deductions for Social Security. A good deal also has been the result of voluntary decision, such as installment and other consumer debt payments or the fixed obligations assumed in buying a home.

A very large part of individual savings and other protection against the economic effects of death, disability and old age are on a contractual basis, as in the case of life insurance, accident and health protection, or contributions to pension and retirement funds. Regular deductions from payroll are used for these purposes to a very large degree.

Largely because of the boom in installment buying, and also because of the rise in prices, the total amount of consumer credit outstanding at the end of last year had grown to four times the comparable figure just before World War II. The 1953 figure, which includes charge accounts, and service credit as well as installment loans, added up to just under $29 billions. This was the equivalent of nearly one-eighth of all the people's spendable income combined after taxes last year, the highest such proportion on record.

A review of the consumer credit records since the Twenties reveals how installment debt has grown to dominate the personal borrowing field. At the end of the first quarter of this year, the net amount of installment credit outstanding represented 77 per cent of all consumer loans. This was the highest such proportion on record. The equivalent ratio at the end of 1953 was 75 per cent, while the comparable one in 1939 was 63 per cent. In 1929, installment debt represented only 50 per cent of all consumer credit outstanding in that year.

Right now total installment debt outstanding figures out to some $450 per household. This is about three times the comparable figure at the beginning of World War II and it has shown a greater rate of growth than has average household income. Federal Reserve figures show that about 40 per cent spending units are time debt free, indicating that installment debt is more concentrated and may be more burdensome than the overall statistics imply.

PESTICIDES ARE SAFE IF USED PROPERLY

Pesticides are safe if used properly.

John M. Amos, associate entomologist - plant pathologist at VPI says all you need to do is follow the precautions on the label.

Contrary to common belief, there were more deaths in 1949 (latest figures available) from petroleum products (112), aspirin and salicylates (99), than from insecticides (15).

Another interesting fact, Amos says, is that 12 deaths were attributed to furniture polish, 6 to household bleach, and 4 to "home-permanent" solutions.

Considering the amount of insecticides used, the varieties of crops involved, and the number of people using insect controls, they are relatively safe.

NEWS FOR VETERANS

For the first time since the enactment of the Korean GI Bill two years ago, Veterans Administration said, more Korean veterans are in training than those enrolled under the original GI Bill.

While the great majority of World War II veterans in training have completed their programs and the numbers in training are dwindling fast, the number of Korean veterans in training has shown a steady increase, as more young veterans are released from active military service each month.

The number of post-Korean veterans who have taken education or training under the Korean GI Bill —Public Law 550—in the past two years has passed the half-million mark, according to VA.

At the same time, the number of post-Korean veterans actually in training at the present time has mounted to approximately 300,000. By comparison, the number of World War II veterans in training under the original GI bill has dropped to 235,000 and their enrollment figures are showing a steady decrease.

In college GI training, the number of Korean veterans enrolled is almost double that of World War II veterans.

However, in vocational, trade and business schools below the college level, there are still more World War II veterans in GI training, with a total of approximately 196,000, compared to less than 100,000 below-college trainees from the post-Korean ranks.

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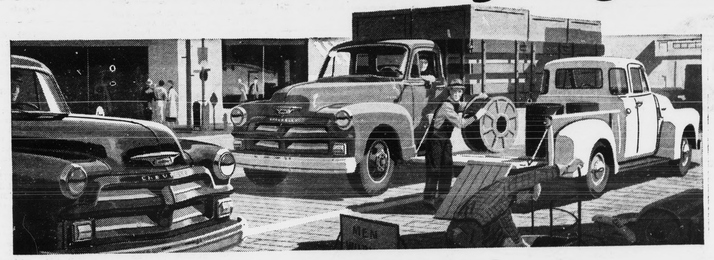

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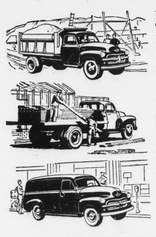

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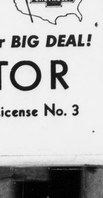

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